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BOMBAY:—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1874.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE Peninsular and Oriental [illegible] will be despatched with the Mails as follows:—

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For Freight apply to

P. D. PARKER,
Acting Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Monday, the 28th inst., at 3 P.M., from Manora

THE P. and O. S.S. S. S. SARDA, 1,854 tons and 400 H.P., Captain W. W. PENHAM, will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking some Passengers and Cargo for Marseilles and Gibraltar.

No Cargo will be received on Board after noon on the day previous to sailing, and no Specie will be shipped on any part thereof unless the Bill of Lading is signed by the Company's Office before noon, on Friday, the 25th September.

For Freight or Passage apply to

P. D. PARKER,
Acting Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.

Bombay, 7th September 1874.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY.

On SATURDAY, the 26th inst., at 4 P.M., from Mazagon

THE Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steamship ENTERPRISE, 1,400 tons and 300 H.P., will be despatched as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails.

For Freight or Passage apply to

P. D. PARKER,
Acting Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.

4, Rampart Row, 14th September 1874.

FOR CALCUTTA.

THE Steamer St. OLAF, having shortly been [illegible] for a small quantity of Freight.

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co.,
Agents for Consignees.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 17th instant, Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will [illegible] Rampart Row, at Auction Sale at 11 o'clock,

1 Piano Forte,
2 Chairs with Coloured Covers,
1 Chinese Cloth Coloured Screen,
1 Wardrobe with Glass Panels,

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 16th September 1874.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & COMPANY,
No. 15, ARTHUR STREET.

A CONSIGNMENT OF THE UNDERMENTIONED GOODS, [illegible] AT THE LANDING OFFICE AT LALBAUGH, [illegible]

TO-MORROW, THE 17th INSTANT, at 11 A.M., Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & COMPANY will [illegible] the Undersigned, namely, 100 cases of the Superintendent Army Clothing, consisting of [illegible] Jackets, Trousers, Caps, Shirts, Drawers, Socks, Flannel Belts, Braces, Gaiters, Boots, Shoes, Knapsacks, Haversacks, Water Bottles, Canteens, Blankets, Rugs, and Waterproof Sheets.

A Sample of the Lot will be on view at the Auction Godown, and Catalogues can be had on application at the Office of the Undersigned.

The Goods will be delivered to the purchasers on the 18th instant, and the Duty will be collected by the Undersigned on the delivery of the goods shall be taken from the premises thereof.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 14th September 1874.

JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY,
No. 15, ARTHUR STREET, FORT.

THE Undersigned are favoured with instructions from Messrs. JEHANGEER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY to sell by Public Auction, at their Godown, on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, at 11 o'clock,

A Consignment of Ship Chandlery, consisting of Cordage, Canvas, Blocks, Iron Work, Paints, Oils, Varnish, Pitch, Tar, Rosin, Turpentine, Sheathing Felt, Nails, Spikes, Bolts, Rivets, Copper Sheathing, Tacks, Brads, Screws, Hinges, Locks, Chains, Anchors, Grapnels, Boat Compasses, Lamps, Glass, Lead, Tin, Zinc, Iron, Steel, Brass, Copper, Wire, Rope, Twine, Sheet Lead, Pipe Lead, Lead Shot, Gunpowder, Fuses, Percussion Caps, Cartridges, Rifles, Guns, Pistols, Swords, Cutlasses, Bayonets, Belts, Pouches, Powder Flasks, Shot Belts, Gun Cases, Pistol Cases, Gun Locks, Gun Barrels, Gun Stocks, Gun Mountings, Gun Screws, Gun Springs, Gun Tools, Gun Implements, Gun Oil, Gun Grease, Gun Worm, Gun Rods, Gun Cleaners, Gun Caps, Gun Wads, Gun Flints, Gun Powder Flasks, Gun

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY EVENING, 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1874.

YESTERDAY'S Liverpool Cotton Market closed with a greater show of activity than for some time back, the sales for the day having reached 20,000 bales, of which 5,000 were Surats, spot quotations showing an advance of 1/16d. per lb. in Fair Dhollera, Fair Comrawuttee, and Mid Orleans. This morning's report, however, evinces a return to the previous dulness, the tone being only quiet but steady, probable sales 12,000 bales, imports 6,000. In New York Mid Uplands is still at 19½ cents., the previous two days' receipts at the American ports being comparatively heavy —5,000 bales, exports to Great Britain 2,000 bales.

Reuter reports that the authorities now estimate the probable American cotton crop at 3,500,000 to 3,700,000 bales, the Galveston and New Orleans estimates being even lower. A statement of this kind would have come with more force had the so-called "authorities" been distinctly given; but let the sources of the information be who they may, we cannot but think it open to considerable doubt. Had the alleged deterioration been less, some credibility might have been given to such estimates, but suddenly to take off half a million of bales from previous ideas, requires stronger evidence than we have yet before us. Up to the end of last month, we know from the mail arrived to-day, that nothing could be more promising than the condition of the crop, current estimates ranging from four to four and a quarter millions, and it is scarcely credible that such a change could have taken place from the causes alleged, in the space of a fortnight, especially at such a late period. Cautious people, we fancy, will be slow to adopt such a reduction in figures, the history of last season being alone sufficient to throw discredit upon it, and it will be to the interest of the trade here to hold to former estimates until we have more convincing evidence of the reported falling off.

Leaving the crop question out of the calculation there can be little doubt as to the unfavourable position of the market as the moment, supplies on the spot are excessive, with but slight hope of any immediate improvement in the demand until trade in Manchester takes a turn for the better, and in the present overstocked state of the various Piece Goods Markets throughout the world, this probability is, to say the least of it, somewhat remote.

In yesterday afternoon's telegram there was nothing new of a general character, the various produce markets being unchanged. This morning Consols open at 92¾. French Rentes at 59f. Bar Silver at 57 15/16d. per oz. The Hindoo holidays add to the original dulness to business here, and there is almost nothing doing in any branch of business. Sterling Exchange has been the exception to the general rule, the operations of the day having been most restricted, although nominally rates are slightly firmer. The only assignable cause for this is advices from Calcutta of one Bank having drawn at ix. 1/9 5/16d. for 6 months' sight, but there is nothing in this to check the general position of the market, which still points to lower rates. We quote —

Bank Bills on demand	1s 9 15-16d. per Rupee.	
Ditto	6 months' sight is 2 1-16d.	"
Cechis	6 "	" 2 1/8-16d. "
Documents	6 "	" 1s 9 1/4d. "

On Calcutta, some transactions in demand paper are reported at 1 premium, a decline of 1/16d. to-day from yesterday, but in 60 days' sight nothing has been done and there is no change in rates.

GOVERNMENT PAPER is quite at nailed prices.

THE SHARE MARKET has been closed to-day.

COTTON although nominally firmer owing to the tone of the home advices is not quotably higher than last week's prices.

EXCHANGE on London is nominal.

FREIGHTS.—The sailing vessel nothing doing.

PASSAGES.—The rates must owing to the holidays, and we hear of no change in value.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Bird Guinness, 1,438 tons, Captain T. J. Thomson, will sail positively for Calcutta with a cargo of Welsh and Indian measurements.

THE ship Carnatic, 1,267 tons, Captain G. S. Irving, will sail to-day for Calcutta, with a cargo of 250 bales cotton and 20,000 Indian maunds salt.

THE Sail Hesse, 731 tons, Captain E. Carter, arrived in harbour on the 4th instant from Liverpool (24th May), with a cargo of 1,627 tons coal. The vessel is consigned to the Captain.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kumbarun, 316 tons, Captain J. Nolan, which arrived in harbour on the 14th instant from Karachi on September 11th, brought a general and inward passenger.

THE S.S. ARIEL, 722 tons, Captain W. Brown, sailed yesterday for Liverpool via the Canal with a cargo of 1,824 bales cotton, 690 bales wool, 6,222 tins linseed, 30 casks, sundry oil and sundries.

THE Sail Sarah Sands, 377 tons, Captain J. Ireland arrived in harbour on the 14th instant from Liverpool (May 26th) with a cargo of 873 tons coal. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. W. Nicol and Co.

THE Sail Ythenos, 1,152 tons, Captain F. L. O. A. Aagaard, arrived in harbour on the 15th instant from Newcastle (June 26th) with a cargo of 1,046 tons coals. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Wallace and Co.

THE Sail Thomas Mather, 1,072 tons Captain James Whitmore, which arrived in harbour on the 12th instant from Newcastle (June 18th), brought 1,030 tons coals and 151 tons coke. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Sir Charles Forbes and Co.

THE Sail Sarah Sands, 377 tons, Captain W. Hall-day, arrived in harbour on the 14th instant from Mauritius (August 27th) with a cargo of 2,491 bags sugar, 1 cask wines and 3 cases sundry merchandise. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. Ogilvie Aikman Scot and Co. Passengers the following passengers:—Mrs. Hindley, Mrs. Morillon, Dr. Grégorie and Assistant, 178 coolie emigrants, and twenty-five sick.

THE s.s. Ispahan arrived in Madras roads from Calcutta on Friday, with the following passengers:—For Bombay:—Messrs W. Cook, and T. Wilbraham. For Southampton.—Mr. and Mrs. Hanny, two children and ayah, Master and Miss Parsons, infant and ayah, Mr. T. N. Ross, Miss Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Treasure, Mr. W. Cumberlege, Colonel Tandy, Mr. Martin, Miss Hamilton, Colonel Pattullo, Lieut. Tuckwell, Mrs. Cowan, and Mr. Holland. She left the following day for Galle, taking the following additional passengers:—For Bombay:—Mr. Cox. For Southampton:—Mrs. Colonel Rogers, two infants and native maid, and Captain F. R. Boyce.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Nemea, 2,736 tons, Captain A. S. Barlow, passed in Bellevue yesterday from Singapore (August 26th) bound for the Canal, with the following passengers:—For Bombay:—Mr. Power and child, 1 package goods, 2 boxes, 1 box goods, 1 box specie and 1 portmanteau. For Suez:—Mr. Cassidy, 62 tons coals, 40 tons coke, 3 cases, 2 packages, 4 cases stuff, 194 packages twist and yarns, 230 packages beer, 5 cases glass, 121 cases paper, 10 packages provisions, 60 packages wine, 1 box of the quicksilver, 20 cases drugs, 1 square iron safe, 1 case boots, 1 bag of sundries, 1 cask zinc, 3 cases perfumery, 7 cases linens and cotton, 6 packages leather, 800 packages cotton, 22 packages haberdashery, 1 case sundries, 5 cases machinery, 4 cases clocks, 307 cases thread, 1 case medicine, 11 cases mantles, 10 packages ink, 25 packages wine and spirits, 3 cases cheese, 4 cases chemicals, 1 bales (?) 84 packing, Ivory, 3 cases saffron, and many packages of sundry goods, and some packages for transhipment for different ports.

MADRAS.

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The ship Halcyon, to Calcutta, was warped out for loading yesterday.

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INTELLIGENCE.

prospects continue favourable on the ... from all other provinces the accounts ... satisfactory.

The Bombay Horse Show will be opened ... Wodehouse, on Wednesday ... [illegible] ... exported from this presidency ... and quantity of the animals entered, that the exhibition will be a highly successful one. We ... informed that Mr. Collins, the ... superintending Veterinary Surgeon ... a fortnight during the show, in addition ... appointed breeding. From his extensive local experience, and the opportunities he has had for witnessing the ... [illegible] ... he can be carried up in Bombay he will no doubt render the subject both interesting and instructive to those assembled, ... the solution of that hitherto doubtful question, the possibility of breeding a self supply of horses for India as a reasonable cost.

The empire's gross receipts on Indian ... amounted during the 1st January to the ... [illegible] ... to Rs. ... 83,207, ... [illegible] ... in excess of the previous year during the same period. The sources ... [illegible] ... as follows:—Indian Mails, Rs. ... 24,572, Coasting and Branch, Rs. 3,91,455; and Postage, on Bombay, Rs. 17,31,795; Great ... Bengal, Rs. ... and Bombay and Baroda Rs. 2,99,583. The ... [illegible] ... exhibits a falling off of Rs. 3,87,001, as follows:—Indian, Rs. 1,94,003. The total amount received on the Sea lines during the period under review was Rs. 4,59,653, showing an increase of Rs. 2,72,650.

Our readers will be glad to hear that a reduction has just been made in the newspaper postage to India, and other countries in the Eastern Seas. From the 1st September next the postage on newspapers weighing not more than four ounces, sent from Great Britain via Southampton, to India, China, Japan, Ceylon, the Straits and Labuan will be reduced from two-pence to one penny, with the same charge for every additional four ounces. Payment in advance is indispensable as no unpaid newspaper will be forwarded. We do not hear as yet of any reduction in the postage on letters or papers sent *via* Brindisi; but it may be hoped that the boon now offered to newspapers sent *via* Southampton will in time be extended to letters forwarded by either route. If a paper can be carried to India through Egypt for one penny, how much longer is a letter to be charged by Brindisi to be charged one shilling?

A *New York Tribune* which has late ... contains one of the most singular stories ... have lately been made. It is in ... Letter" of that ordinarily ... signed with the initials of Mr. Smalley, and which generally shows evidence of considerable information. It states that "A report has suddenly gained currency that the long-expected crisis has occurred in the financial affairs of the Prince of Wales, and that the Ministry have made up their minds to propose to the House of Commons next Session to pay his debts." The sum Mr. Smalley has heard from "several sources" is £50,000, or four times the sum voted in 1787 to appease the creditors of that pattern monarch, King George IV. Mr. Smalley thinks that if the thing is dealt with quickly, and the nation taken somewhat by surprise, the vote will be allowed; but that if it is debated upon much, a strong opposition will arise. Such is Mr. Smalley's view of his figures? They certainly are not small.

On the occasion of Professor Fawcett's speech at Brighton the other day, a curious instance was afforded, says the *Scotsman*, of a London correspondent, of misery such as is not often equalled. A gentleman who went down to Brighton in order to report the speech ... [illegible] ... upon the ... [illegible] ... requested the favour of a statement of the principal points of the speech. Professor Fawcett very courteously proposed not only to give him the substance of his speech, but to embrace the whole of it for him. This he did, and the reporter took his down. Later on, while the speech proper was being delivered, the original copy from the rehearsal was ... [illegible] ... word for word, and from beginning to end ... [illegible] ... the speech been committed to memory, there was not a single mistake. Certainly that is one place where a shilling was substituted for sixpence in the notes.

Mr. ... Henry, known in his boyish days as the "infant preacher," has died ... [illegible] ... years. He was born in 1791, and was a ... of Mr. William Henry Berry, a physician of ... Lisburn, in Ireland. When ... [illegible] ... Mrs. Siddons ... [illegible] ... Belfast Theatre, ... [illegible] ... impression on us, ... that from that time the drama became ... [illegible] ... In the London ... [illegible] ... and completed his twelfth year, he appeared on the stage as Osman in the tragedy of "Zara," and after a rapid course of provincial engagements he was secured for Covent Garden Theatre for twelve nights at fifty guineas a night and a clear benefit, while he agreed to perform at ... [illegible] ... the intervening nights. In 1805 ... [illegible] ... per night. ... appeared on the stage ... Southampton on the occasion of his farewell benefit on August 9, 1824. He was then thirty-two years of age.

The manner in which Sir Henry Thompson's famous prospect has been taken up in all civilized countries leaves little room to doubt (in the absence of opinion to the contrary) as to the means of disposing of the dead, will soon supersede inhumation. The German Cremation Society in New York, numbering about 450 members, have decided on erecting a suitable hall, with walls of iron, 60 ft. by 40 ft., containing a rotunda supported by eight pillars. In the centre there will be erected an altar for religious ceremony, and upon a large stand in front of this will be placed the coffin. The ceremonies ended, the coffin would be gradually lowered by means of screws into a furnace, where it would be submitted to a hot-air blast of 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. It is calculated that complete cremation would take place in an hour and a half, after which the coffin would be again returned to the altar. The ashes of the dead thus gathered and placed in urns provided by the relatives of the deceased. Connected with the furnace there will be an apparatus for condensing the gases and smoke.

Miss P. A. Bassi, M. D., writes from Benares to a contemporary with reference to some remarks concerning the Vishnugram Dispensary, which appeared in a late issue of the *Friend of India*, and which, at the time were transferred to our columns. She says "It is an utter impossibility for me to give the sick people proper attention, and some have been waiting weeks for me to commence treating them. The dispensary has now been opened about six weeks, and I have over eight hundred names on my books; and I have treated fifty people at their homes." She further says that if they demand lady physicians then "the people must build for them colleges, purchase libraries, &c., and hole to support those who need assistance during their term of study. Let the people of India express their wishes upon this subject through the press. Are there any considerable number of women now wishing or willing to undertake the study of medicine; let them write to me, stating their wishes, pre-qualification and how much, if any, assistance is needed by them. This is a matter to which the young widows of India should give attention, as it offers to them an opportunity to devote their lives to a work of love and mercy for suffering humanity."

The Lahore paper supplies the following items of frontier news:—It is reported that 2,000 men of the Nizam Balooch tribe attacked the Kakkas. Many were killed on the latter side, who were also robbed of their cattle. It is also reported that the Sirdi Posh Kelli's have robbed, near Chitral, a caravan which was proceeding to Badakshan. Our Cabul correspondent states that the Ameer has assembled a large force near the south of Bajaur Shah, two miles from Cabul, ready to proceed to Herat, in case Sirdar Mohammed Yakoob Khan refuses to come to Cabul. Our Dera Ismail Khan correspondent is informed by a respectable person named Yakoob Shah, who has come from Candahar, that Nath Mohammed Alum Khan has reached Candahar and is preparing for a fight with Sirdar Yakoob Khan. The latter's force is also said to have advanced from Girishk towards Candahar. Sirdar Ali Khan, Ruler of Candahar, seeing Yakoob Khan's forces superior in number, has ordered every headman in his territory to send him all men from their respective villages to fight with him. We learn from the same source, that the Khanut Bajour with 600 men attacked the Hakim of Dheer, in order to revenge himself for the blood of the two sons of Rahmuttoolah Khan, who had been killed in a former fight. The struggle lasted very long, till the Hakim of Dheer was obliged to give in.

Notwithstanding the resolution of the International conference at present sitting in Brussels to maintain secrecy with respect to its proceedings, accounts of more or less accuracy of what has been done are given in the newspapers. The *Republique Française* gives a version of the doings, and the *Times* has quoted it as being likely to be substantially accurate. According to this, the first sitting was employed in hearing from Baron Jomini, the Russian delegate, the instructions he had received. The Russian Government, by virtue of a principle that governments and nations know precisely what was allowable and what was ... [illegible] ... limited the consequences of war could be ... [illegible] ... and the calamities ... by uncertainty and ignorance ... [illegible] ... the second sitting Baron Jomini ... the appointment of a committee, consisting ... a delegate from each Government; and it was suggested that this committee should ... the Russian or ... [illegible] ... With ... [illegible] ... declined that ... [illegible] ... answer of an invaded ... [illegible] ... at personal strength ... having been superseded in modern warfare by the formidable machine directed by unerring science, the complications of peaceful ... [illegible] ... otherwise irregular ... enthusiasm and ... ring organised armies would ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... and make it more fatal ... the country invaded than to the aggressor. The committee considered as are considering the Russian scheme for the defence and attack of invaded towns, and the means of carrying on internal government while any enemy holds possession. It would appear from the reports of the conference that the English delegate has taken no part in the deliberations, while the German delegate has been exceedingly active in proposing modifications of the scheme. The Turkish Sadic, answering to that at the conference for the first time on Aug. 7. The proceedings will very soon be brought to a close.

The project to construct a tunnel between France and England is assuming a practical phase. The capitalists and engineers embarked in this gigantic enterprise demand a concession of thirty years instead of the ninety-nine usually accorded to railway companies, and ask for neither guarantee nor grant. Further, they are ready to advance a sum of four millions for preliminary investigations. The project in question consists in the immerging of a duct on the English and French coasts, and the boring of two long galleries from each side. Of the result of the enterprise, says the *Journal de Calais*, there can ... The soul of the enterprise, with ... M.M. Michel Chevalier, Leon Say, and Rothschild, is M. Lavalley, an engineer who has surmounted the greatest difficulties in the construction of the Suez Canal, and without whom that gigantic enterprise could not have been accomplished. M. Lavalley estimates the cost of the work at 150,000,000f.; the English engineers think it will amount to 250,000,000f. He suggests that this work should be done partly by France and partly by England, and that to induce the two countries to press on this undertaking energetically, there ... be a bonus for the one which works the fastest. The 4,000,000f. forming the preliminary capital are nearly all, it is said, subscribed. The French Railway du Nord will advance 1,000,000f., the two companies from London to Dover 1,000,000f., and Baron Rothschild 500,000f. It is hoped that Baron Hambro and Baron Lionel de Rothschild will subscribe the same sum. M. Ferdinand Duval offers 50,000f. for the city of Paris, MM. Leon Say, Chevalier, and Lavalley are each engaged to supply 25,000f. It is certain that on either side of the strait many persons will contribute a larger or smaller sum to the necessary capital. It only requires as little goodwill on the part of the French Administration, and a slight change of the ideas of the English Parliament on subjects of monopoly and competition, to give us in five years direct communication between Paris and London.

The emptiness of London seems likely to be relieved by visits from various kinds of insects. Not only are the ants coming in myriads, but a swarms of mosquitoes have, it is said, appeared in the precincts of Westminster Palace since the prorogation of Parliament. Several persons in the Palace yard have been severely bitten by them, and they have even invaded the sacred precincts of the abbey, entering the houses in the cloisters and making themselves most unpleasant by their attentions. A correspondent writes the following letter to the *Times* on the presence of these pests in the metropolis:—"Sir,—I do not pretend to say that there were on the night of Aug. 21 more than two mosquitoes in the metropolis, but as to the existence of two I am quite ready to depose on oath, not as to the best of my belief, but as to my actual positive knowledge. On that night I slept in a highly placed room in a very large hotel not far from the Victoria Station—the word 'slept' being applicable only to the acts of undressing, getting into bed, and lying down, for scarcely had I closed my eyes before I was roused from preliminary doings into clear and vigorous life by a puncture on my hand over the thumb, which was followed by a fine tenderness and the usual symptom was speedily extended to forehead, shoulder, and wrists, so that I got up, lighted a candle, and proceeded to search for creeping things to which I attributed my malady. There were none visible, nor were there any traces of them about, and after friction with cold air to relieve the irritated hand I was preparing to woo the gentle goddess, when close to my ear came the familiar buzz of the unmistakable mosquito, which I listened to in breathless wonder till the buzz ceased, and there was just that feathery touch one can feel when alighting for it of the wretch's wings are the object. Then came the instantaneous blow, followed by the distinctive loud-sounding slap on the spot attacked, which all mosquito-hunters know well, and then the useless stratagems and the incessant assaults, till in desperation I got up again and sought my persecutors face to face—I heard two bizzes distinctly. As I had to start by a very early train, I had not much time left to hunt them up by day light, but there, quite bloated, hung one from the valance of the curtains, about 10ft. above me, and as I made a desperate swipe at it with my umbrella it sailed away with its legs hanging down, as a gorged mosquito will do, and clung to another curtain quite beyond me, but close to an aldermanic-looking mustik, to company with which it had recalled in my blood. As to the facts, you may believe them as positive.—W. H. K."

Italy is by no means a Paradise. A recent letter from Naples, in the *Borsacsaeling* says, that brigandage in Sicily is daily assuming larger dimensions. "Italy is perhaps the only State," says the correspondent, "in the whole of the civilized world where a band of robbers spread over a territory of hundreds of square miles is regularly organized, and pursues its misdeeds under the very eyes of the authorities. ... The strength of Sicilian brigandage lies in the Mafia, an unseen institution, which, however, makes itself generally felt, and in which are concentrated the threads of the brigand organization. This institution contains hundreds of thousands of members whose chief object is to afford mutual support in their expeditions. The Mafia protects its members with the dagger of the assassin. It generally prevents the prosecution and capture of criminals by placing obstacles in the way of the authorities; and when one of its members is captured notwithstanding its efforts it prevents his condemnation by its influence on the ... [illegible] ... sses and jurors, who fear the dagger of the Mafia. The cases in which the jurors have sufficient courage to pronounce a verdict of guilty against a brigand are exceedingly rare, and the consequence is that most of the brigands ... are brought before a court of justice are acquitted. When this is not the case the terrified population usually learn a few days after that some of the jurors have been attacked by assassins and either strangled or severely wounded. ... Even in Palermo itself the influence exercised by the Mafia is enormous, and it not unfrequently happens that a stranger is accosted in the streets by a brigand and compelled, under threats of assassination, to pay a considerable sum by way of ransom. He can, it is true, give his assailant into custody to the nearest carabineer; but he will not do so if he is wise, for he will in that case probably be murdered within the next forty-eight hours. The Government has attempted to put down this terrible scourge by increasing the military force in the island, but in vain. The only effectual means of crushing brigandage would be to suspend the system of trial by jury, and proclaim the island in a state of siege. Political considerations have hitherto prevented the Government from taking this course. The Ministerial Ministry is not favourably looked upon by a great part of the population, and being conscious of the distrust it inspires, it tries to take a decisive step which might have led to dangerous misconstructions. Yet under present circumstances the proclamation of a state of siege is an absolute necessity. The Government, however, cannot do this without the sanction of the Chamber, as it is by no means sure of obtaining a majority; and it is therefore almost certain that the present lamentable state of things in Sicily will continue a few months longer, when it will be more difficult to apply a remedy than it is now. In order to do something meanwhile for the security of the people, the Government has asked the prefects of Sicily whether they can ... military reinforcements necessary. To this the prefect of Palermo has replied that he will not be able to put down the Mafia with the whole of the Italian army to invade their brigand-ridden domains constitutional rights."

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL OF THE 28TH AUGUST.

The P. & O. Co's s.s. Nizam, Commander Barlow, arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon with the English mails of the 28th ult. on board. The following is the list of passengers:—

FROM SOUTHAMPTON.

Mr. Broughton.	Miss Lewis, daughter and ayah.
Mr Parry.	Dr V. Lentiner.
Mr Bennett.	Dr Adolfo.
Mr Wood.	Dr Roman.
Mr Almeida.	Mr Eccles.
Mr Arthur Griffiths.	Mr Deschamilles.
Mr Gillespie.	Mr Kardelz.

FROM VENICE.

Dr Arnott.	Mr Hanley.
Captain Brothers.	Mr Maitland.
Mr and Mrs Flood.	Mr Stokes.
Mr Tucker.	Mr Turner.
Mr Hannah.	Mr Bodwell.

FROM ADEN.

Mr Gowasjee Dinshaw. Mrs Doocota and infant.
5 Natives.

The s. s. Nizam experienced light winds and fine weather throughout the voyage. At S. Abaco, on the 15th, spoke a dismasted bugalow B. S. E of Lt. and 19 miles from the Gulf of Cutch, bound to Bombay, not requiring assistance.

HEADS OF INTELLIGENCE.

(*Home News*, August 28.)

The French President has been making a tour through the principal cities and towns of France, in all of which he has been respectfully received.

The news from Spain this week is unimportant. The recognition of the Government by Russia has not yet taken place. The report of an offensive and defensive alliance between Germany and Spain is without foundation.

The Brussels Conference has adjourned for a few days, but its final sitting is announced to take place on Aug. 29. The proceedings have been carried on with great secrecy.

A new Cabinet has been formed in Holland, which has met with the approval of the King.

The Turkish Government are negotiating fresh loans with the Imperial Ottoman Bank to a very considerable amount.

There is a rumour from the United States of a movement to promote the election of General Grant to the Presidency for the third time.

The Spanish Government are pressing their claim for indemnity in the Virginius affair. A fresh outbreak among the negroes is reported from Tennessee.

Her Majesty, with Princess Beatrice and Prince Leopold, arrived at Balmoral on August 21. Some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the public being shut out from the platforms of most of the stations where the royal train stopped on its journey. This has, however, been explained by a statement in the papers that the delicate state of Prince Leopold's health rendered privacy very desirable. The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh are to visit the Queen at Balmoral next month.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has gone to Germany, and the Princess, with the royal children, are at Denmark.

Their Imperial Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany have on England for Germany.

The Empress of Austria and the Prince of the Asturias are in England on a short visit.

There is a report that Mr. Disraeli has received instructions to select a suitable spot in Ireland for a royal residence.

The postage on newspapers to India and China, *via* Southampton, will be reduced to 1d. per four ounces, on September 1.

The funeral of Bishop Sumner took place at Hale Church, near Farnham, on August 31.

The Directors of the Bank of England have reduced the rate of discount from ... per cent.

A severe shock of earthquake ... [illegible] ... Rome.

The Brazilian fronclad Independencia still lies in the Thames in a most perilous condition. It is feared she will ... to be broken up.

Obituary of the Week.—Mr. Alderman Charles ... Professor Grant, F. R. S.; W. H. W. Batty, the Hon. H. J. Ball, late judge at Hongkong; Lieut.-Col. J. E. Gatis, J.P. for Dorchester; H. Gunn, late of the Agra Bank; E. Golson, J.P. for Devon; T. Lynes, J.P. for Radnorshire; Kenny Meadows; ... Dobell; J. H. Foley, R.A.; Capt. C. H. Hall ... Further Guards.

FALL OF RAIN IN BOMBAY.

	June.	July.	August.	Septr.	Total.
	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.	In. cts.
Mean ...	6 67	23 42	17 57	5 47	53 53
Days registered ...	12	25	21	7	65
Grand Total ...	77 60	83 23	70 18		

BOMBAY DOCKS—MODY BAY—ELPHINSTONE ESTATE.

On the ... evening, a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the Fort. There was an unusually large attendance of members. All were occupied the first Tuesday ... conferred shortly after three.

The Hon. Mr. Bythell—Sir, Chairman and Gentlemen,—I rise with the intention of endeavouring to induce this meeting not to consider the resolution before it in its present form, and I believe and think that when you have heard all that is to be said upon the subject you will agree with me that some change is not only desirable but absolutely necessary. The first proposed change to which I will draw your attention is one so reasonable that I think even the promoters of the present resolutions will concur in it. It is that the words "or Secretary of State" in the 4th resolution be expunged, so that the Chamber will only have power to ... the Government of India with respect to the ... referred to. You must all be aware of the fact that in consequence of the Government of India having in the most liberal and most deliberate manner ... [illegible] ... on the subject of the trade of the port, in ... years to go over and over again to the Government for great financial concessions. I am sure also that you all know that these applications have been received in the most considerate and generous spirit. Indeed, the Government of India have granted almost everything that has been asked for on behalf of the trade of Bombay. This fourth resolution is intended to break up a request made by the Port Trustees for a further great concession. That request was made such a short time ago that I think it is extremely doubtful whether it has yet reached the hands of the Government of India, because such documents as these must go through the Bombay Government, and you are aware that sometimes it takes a very long time to transfer a document from one Government to another, and until we see some reason to believe that the Government of India, instead of being liberal and considerate with the past, will be disposed to act rigid grinding in all their dealings with the trade of this port, I think it would be a mistake if we were to go to the Secretary of State over their heads. It would in fact be extremely disourteous to do so. We have no reason to believe that this resolution will not be received by the Government of India in the same liberal spirit with which all other recommendations of the same nature have been received. If the Government of India refuse to grant our request or any modification of it, then perhaps it may be advisable for us to instruct the Committee of this Chamber to appeal to the Secretary of State on behalf of the trade of the port, but until such a necessity does occur I am sure you will agree with me that it is desirable not to run the risk of disturbing the cordial relations that exist between us and the Government of India by putting anything in this resolution which might be looked upon as a kind of threat. The other change I propose, that instead of re-commencing this interminable discussion about the site for docks, which has been going on for something like ten years past, we should agree to bury our differences and memorialise the Secretary of State with regard to the matter upon which we are all agreed—namely, that a dock of some kind is urgently needed in Bombay. I therefore propose to omit resolutions 5 and 6, and that we shall merely ... the first resolution, which asks the Secretary of State to examine the Mody Bay and Elphinstone plans and give a decision ... as soon as possible. I think we can all ... it that everything that possibly can be said ... upon the two sites—that every argument and suggestion that can be brought to bear upon the question—will be laid before the Secretary of ... and considered by him before he gives his decision. The advantage of this Chamber ... refraining from adjudging one site over another is manifest. We shall, as I have said, avoid opening up again an interminable discussion; and at the same time we shall get what we all agree in want—a dock—very much sooner than if we display a partisanship before Lord Salisbury. You will also be saved from occupying a very unfortunate position, and save yourselves from running the risk of disturbing the friendly relations that exist between the trade of the port, and the Government of India. Indeed, I maintain that this is the only course which the Chamber can honourably adopt. I use the word "honorably" advisedly, and by briefly recapitulating a few facts I will prove my point. You are all aware that about five years ago the Government of India, greatly to the surprise of many people, made an offer for and bought the Elphinstone property for a sum approaching two millions sterling. About a year afterwards the trade was surprised and disappointed to find that the Bunder Fore Act was introduced, and that it was the intention of the purchasers of the property to make the cost of that property and many others fall upon the trade. That Act gave the local Government power to levy taxation in all directions, as our Chairman has already mentioned. Naturally the trade became greatly alarmed and the Committee of this Chamber which I joined in October 1872 immediately ... to the Government of Bombay for further information on the subject as it was well-known that negotiations had been going on for some time between them and the Government of India. All our applications to the local Government were, however, in vain; and the consequence was that 2½ years after the purchase of the Elphinstone property was complete a meeting of this Chamber had the mercantile community of Bombay generally was held, at which it was decided that as we could not get any information from the Government of Bombay we should apply for it to the Government of India. We did so, and the information we required was placed in our hands without the least delay. Having got the correspondence that passed between the two Governments, we found that the Government of Bombay had been urging the Government of India to buy the Elphinstone property on the ground that if it were left in the hands of a private company like the Elphinstone Company a dangerous monopoly of the foreshore trade would be placed in the hands of private individuals. Permission to purchase the property was therefore given to the Bombay Government, but the ... was conditional, the local Government being ... on the ... that the whole of the purchase money as well as the other money spent in the harbour since 1851 was to be a charge upon the trade, and a 4½ per cent. interest must be paid upon the capital, that the capital must be repaid within thirty years, and that the trade must be taxed so as to make good the income received by the Government of India in respect of the interest payable annually upon the purchase of the estate. We find, however, that the Government of Bombay was so overjoyed that they eagerly bought the property regardless of consequences, and with out asking the opinion either of this Chamber or any other body of merchants as to the possibility or wisdom of carrying out the terms. It was not until many months afterwards that the mistake of the Government of Bombay was seen, and that the local Government had to go before the Government of India, and say, in substance, "We are utterly unable to keep to our bargain. We have made arrangements to tax the trade in every direction and made all the old ... that used to be free no longer free, but still we are unable to raise the requisite money either by hook or by crook." Look now at the Government of India's conduct in dealing with this confession and contrast it with the behaviour of the Government of Bombay to the trade. While complaining of the Government of Bombay's conduct in "selling them to believe that they could raise the necessary annual interest, they nevertheless said at the same time that if it could be proved that the payment of the interest and the repayment of the capital would be unfairly heavy on the trade of the port, they would not ... [illegible] ...

BOMBAY.

OPPENHEIMER AGAINST THE SALT REGULATIONS.—Yesterday before Mr. C. P. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court, one Bahajee Balkajee was charged with having attempted to convey a bottle of liquor into the Colaba Jail on the 11th instant. He was upon conviction sentenced to a month's rigorous imprisonment.

DR. D. N. FARUK, who has been studying at the University College, London, for being qualified for the Indian Medical Service, successfully passed his final examination in August last. There were fourteen vacancies, and twenty-eight candidates for the appointments. Dr. Faruck, however, was so fortunate as to come within the successful batch. Out of six Indians he was the only one who passed a creditable examination.

SASSOON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—MR. SCHOTTKY'S THIRD LECTURE.—This afternoon, at the Sassoon Mechanics' Institute, Mr. R. C. Schottky will deliver his third lecture on the "Principles of Rational Agriculture," to commence at half-past 5 o'clock. He will speak of the nourishment of plants, how and whence they derive it, and of the influence of water and atmospheric air. Members are requested to attend. The lecture is open to the public, and natives who are interested in the furtherance of Indian agriculture are especially invited.

THEFT.—Yesterday, before Mr. C. P. Cooper, at the Fort Police Court, Mr. Charles Pierre Guichet, purser of the s.s. Gwalior, charged two Mahomedans—Ahmed Abdool and Bichar Mohideen—the first with stealing on the previous day sixteen table-knives, the property of the P. and O. Co., and the second with aiding and abetting the offence. It appeared that the second steward of the vessel had noticed the defendants lurking about on the cargo deck, and afterwards observed the second defendant leave the ship in a tony. He thereupon arrested and searched the two prisoners, and found the knives carefully secreted about his waist. His Worship convicted and sentenced the first prisoner to four months' imprisonment with hard labour in the Common Jail, and discharged the second, as there seemed to be no direct evidence against him.

VOLUNTARY CASE OF GRIEVOUS HURT.—Maxwell Johnson, a West Indian, and one of the crew of the R. S. Turkish Empire, was yesterday placed before Mr. C. P. Cooper on a charge of having voluntarily caused William McGill, another of the crew, grievous hurt on the 20th of July last.

William McGill said—I am an able seaman on board the ship Turkish Empire. I know the prisoner. He is an able seaman on board the same ship. The ship left North Shields, bound for Bombay, about the middle of June last. I remember Wednesday the 29th day of July last. The ship was at sea on her way to Bombay. At 12 o'clock on that day I came down to dinner in the forecastle. I think all the men of the port watch were there. The prisoner, Stevens, Jones, and others were there. We were finishing our dinner when the prisoner called us, "Some of b——s and sons of w——s." I said to the prisoner "Johnson, don't be using that language, you had better go on deck." The prisoner called me a "white livered son of a b——h," and said "if you don't go to your hammock I shall cut the guts out of you." The prisoner put his hand behind the chest, which was on the starboard side of the forecastle. The prisoner was sitting on the chest. He took his sheath knife in his left hand and drew the knife out of the sheath with his right: the knife was similar to this now shown to me. (Exhibit A). He then got off his chest and came towards me quickly. He then made a thrust at me with his knife. I made a step back; my foot slipped and I fell down, and the prisoner on top of me. I called out and Stevens came to me. I then felt the prisoner pull the knife out of my left side. I then called out to Stevens that the prisoner had stabbed me. When I got on to my legs, I picked up a boot and threw it at the prisoner. Stevens and some took me aft to explain. The captain dressed my wound. I then went forward to the forecastle, where I remained till the next morning. I afterwards made a statement to the captain in the presence of the prisoner—I do not remember on what day. I have the effects of the wound, but am able to attend always been on good terms charges the prisoner with voluntarily causing me grievous hurt.

Cross-examined by the prisoner.—I cannot say whether the boot I threw at you struck you or not. I did not kick you with a stick.

Henry Stevens was the next witness called, who deposed that he was in the forecastle on the 29th of July last. The prisoner had had a pipe and was desirous to know [illegible] son of a b——h" had stolen it. The prosecutor replied that there [illegible] son of a b——h" called the prisoner "a white livered son of a bastard." The prosecutor and the prisoner then had some words together, when the former rushed upon the prosecutor, and drawing a sheath knife stabbed him in his left side. The prosecutor fell down upon a chest that was in the forecastle, and the prisoner fell upon him. The prosecutor here pointed out that he was stabbed, when Stevens went up and caught the prisoner by the back of his neck and attempted to pull him off. Subsequently the witness and Rodger Jones carried the prosecutor away to the captain, who dressed the wound which was about an inch and a half wide. The captain next searched the prisoner of his knife and caused him to be placed in irons, and on the arrival of the vessel in the harbour the prisoner was made over to the police.

James Whitmore—I am captain of B. S. Turkish Empire, now in harbour. The ship left Newcastle on Tuesday, on 16th June last. I know the prisoner and prosecutor. They are both able seamen on board my ship. I remember Wednesday, the 29th June. The ship was then somewhere off Cape Finisterre. Hope, on her way towards Bombay. I was on deck on that day the prosecutor and prisoner, Stevens and Jones were on deck. I was in my cabin at the time, but was called on deck by the report of a pistol. I went on deck and observed the prisoner standing on the quarter-deck with a pistol in his hand which was pointed towards the forecastle. I ordered the prisoner to give me the pistol, which he did. The prisoner came to me [illegible] since. I made inquiries of the prisoner in irons, and I kept him in irons [illegible] arrived in Bombay harbour on the night of Saturday last. I made him over to the police. I saw the prosecutor's wound, and had much conversation with him. The prosecutor remained on board my ship up to the 16th of August, when he left on board the Victoria, bound for Aden. The prosecutor's wound, to my belief, about the 20th of August. The case was adjourned till to-day.

Sidney Smith, as interpreter, duly sworn, interpreted the evidence adduced upon the prisoner.

FOURTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

YESTERDAY, at the Criminal Sessions of the High Court, the following cases was tried before Mr. Justice Bayley and a Special Jury. The jury was composed as follows:—

SPECIAL JURY.

Henry Ford, Esq.	Thomas Mackintosh, Esq.
Walter Scott, Esq.	Narayen Dhakjee, Esq.
J. W. Scott, Esq.	Hurchundas M. Wadia, Esq.
C. Shoolbred, Esq.	Cowasjee Jamsetjee, Esq.
A. Mollison, Esq.	Govind Vithal, Esq.
William Hall, Esq.	Pallonjee Framjee, Esq.

THE FUNNGWADY MURDER.

Parmeshwar Gunnesh, alias Rajaram, was charged with murder, in causing the death, on the 26th June last, to Funnswady, of Doorgabace, alias Rookmy, a courtesan. The Advocate-General, with Mr. Fergusson instructed by the Public Prosecutor, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. Budrooddin defended the prisoner.

The prisoner asked that one-half the jury should be natives. The Advocate-General had no objection; and two natives were substituted for European jurors on the panel.

The Advocate-General stated the facts of the case to the jury. The enquiry on which the jury were about to enter concerned the death of Doorgabace, alias Rookmabace, who lived in a house in Funnswady. Deceased was murdered there could be no possible doubt; and the enquiry his jury had to make was, who committed the murder? On the night of the 24th June last, Doorgabace was seen in the house by a woman living opposite to her. About 9 o'clock that night she heard some words of a woman keeping them in the house of Funnswady and Ambaram Jadoo. Up to midnight on the 25th June the woman was seen in the enjoyment of her usual health. The next morning the police found her with her throat cut, and the Assistant Surgeon won't tell the jury that she had met with a natural death. There could be no doubt that this unfortunate woman was murdered between midnight on the 25th and the morning of the 26th June. The case for the prosecution depended entirely upon circumstantial evidence. Doorga was a courtesan, and prisoner had been living with her as her paramour. It appears that for some years he has had no employment, certainly none for some months before the murder. He was evidently without resources. He had borrowed three rupees if a friend some time ago, but was unable to repay it, except [illegible] claim etc. It would be shown in evidence that [illegible] taken to take a small stock of cloth for sale in the country and to establish himself there. [illegible] determining was that, in order to gain this [illegible] he procure upon Doorga's ornaments. [illegible] proceed, wished to start in a trade which he [illegible] something in. Doorga was a thrifty [illegible] means a powerful woman. She was not a [illegible] the residence of yesterday, and she lived in a detached house which stood in opposition where any [illegible] be heard up for without immediate discovery. The second door was unscreened, and on its right side it was not occupied by any body during the night. The house of the landlord was situated behind Doorga's, and [illegible] her back and his was a courtyard in which there is a well. The upper storey of Doorga's house contained only two rooms, the front one with two windows looking into the street, and the back room with one window looking into the courtyard. On the night of the murder the windows of the front room were open. In the back room, which was used as a bedroom, was a recess or niche, from which water passed by means of a pipe into the gutter which communicated with the public drain. On the night in question a neighbouring woman saw Doorga at the front window dressed in a black *sarree* and with the morning and other ornaments she usually wore. The neighbour shut up her window and retired for the night. The evidence against the prisoner was this. He did not pass the night at Doorga's house, but at the house of one Vishnoo Punt in Tankurd-war lane. It was a curious place, this Vishnoo Punt's house, where people of all sorts went and rested there. About 1 a.m., prisoner went there with a bundle, which he gave to his friend Dinkur. Dinkur opened the bundle, counted the ornaments, and keeping the bundle in his charge retired for the night. Darkly that night prisoner was seen by a man named Bapoo near Doorga's house by the side of a fire-wood depot. The next evidence was that about 6 a.m. next morning he was looking out for a dhobie to get his clothes washed. An hour later he was seen going up alone into Doorga's house and returning after about half an hour. He was seen going into the house again about 8 or 9 o'clock and remaining there five or six minutes. He then went to Vishnoo Punt's house, and for the first time said that Doorga had been murdered. Afterwards instead of going to the police chowkey, which is in the same street, he went to the landlord of Doorga's house and informed him of the murder. It was subsequently to this that he went and gave information at the police chowkey. He went there and stood by for a few minutes, hesitating how to act and what to do, and then finally went and gave information. Nothing could have been simpler, said the learned advocate, than for the prisoner to have gone straight to the police chowkey and made a report of the murder. It was a very strong circumstance against prisoner that on that night and the following morning, he was seen by the side of the house and going up into and out of Doorga's house, if he was innocent, he would have gone direct to the police chowkey and given information of the murder. Another circumstance was his giving Doorga's ornaments to Dinkur at 1 a.m. He said a bad man was going to sleep for the night at Doorga's house, and therefore he had brought away her ornaments. It was, he said, one Weemooram Sherey living at Khetwadi. Every effort was made by the police but no trace of the man could be obtained. The thing was the prisoner got up the story of the Sherey for his taking away the ornaments with which he was anxious to proceed to his native country and start in business. He was quite aware that suspicion would fall upon him; yet in [illegible] he gave information of the murder to the police, he mentioned not a word of the murdered woman's ornaments being in his possession. It was not until he was questioned by a European police inspector where he passed the night, that he was reminded of the ornaments, and then he said "Oh, I forgot all about them. I gave them to Dinkur." Then it was that Dinkur gave up the ornaments to the police. In the back room of Doorga, the learned counsel forgot to mention, was found a gold wristlet stained with blood; and the paddock of her box was found lying on the ground with a bunch of keys in it. A wax effigy, which was hung to dry, was also found in the back room, having evidently been washed in the sink. The water from the sink would run by the pipe into the gutter, and all trace of blood would be lost. It was the prisoner's dhobie which, he must have washed in the sink of his causes of blood and left to dry. Beyond these circumstances there was no further evidence. It might be that some of the witnesses knew more than they stated before the magistrate, and the jury would have the benefit of any such omission. As to circumstantial evidence, the Advocate-General drew the attention of the jury to a recent case of murder, the proof of which rested on circumstantial evidence, and in which the trying judge remarked that "circumstances cannot lie, although oral evidence may." The learned counsel said he would leave the case in the hands of the jury, perfectly sure that while on the one hand they would give prisoner the benefit of any reasonable doubt, they would not, on the other, by overstraining a doubt, allow a guilty person to escape.

Gunga, a singing and dancing girl living in Funnswady, lived on the side of the street opposite Doorgabace's. On the night on which the murder occurred, about 11 or 12 o'clock, she saw Doorga standing at one of her windows and speak to her. There was a light burning in Doorga's room, and witness could see her plainly. She had a dark sarree on and a nosering in her nose. Witness was talking to Doorga from her window about half an hour. There was nobody else in Doorga's room at that time. Witness closed her window and retired for the night. The next morning, about 7 o'clock, she opened her window and remained looking at it for some time. She then saw the prisoner coming down the stairs of Doorga's house into the street. He walked nothing peculiar about him. He went into the direction of Bhaiderwar lane. Witness then went on with her work and [illegible] Doorga's house when she saw Doorga lying on the floor with something like blood on a mat. She then ran round to her house and was alarmed. When she saw Ramram coming down the stairs, he was going hurriedly and as she knew that Doorga was in bed, she called out to see her. Sopoya came to the house afterwards, but between this time and the prisoner's leaving the house, witness saw no one else going up into the house.

Jadhoo, a woman, said that in June last she kept a cook-shop opposite to Doorgabace and Dukaram's house. She had known the principal and Doorgabace about four years. Prisoner had been unemployed during that time. On the night before she died, Doorga came to witness's shop about 9 p.m. and bought rice, onions and cooked vegetables. She was in her usual health. She was suffering from asthma and cough, and was about forty years of age. Witness shut up her shop between 11 and 12 o'clock. At that time Doorga came to the shop, the door of which was closed, and she had for some [illegible]. Witness said she had seen Doorga and Doorga went away. Next morning, when witness opened her shop, about 5 o'clock, she saw the prisoner sitting on the steps of the shop. She asked him "Why are you sitting here?" He said, "I am looking out for a dhobie; I want to give some clothes to wash." Witness paid no attention to prisoner's clothes at the time; he had no clothes with him other than those he was wearing. Witness asked prisoner what Doorgabace was doing, and his reply was, "She is up." Witness asked him to go to her (Doorga's) house and send her back the pot in which she had taken vegetables the preceding night. That was the reason she enquired about Doorgabace. The prisoner was sitting about half an hour on the steps of witness's shop.

Dinkur Mahadoo said—I was in the service of a contractor for some time, I am an employé now. I know the prisoner for the last four years. He had an employment under a contractor at Shahpoor some years ago, and afterwards at Khandalla. I don't think he has had any employment since. Between April and June 1874 I was in the habit of selling cloth at Bombay house of Vishwanath Bawa, where I live. I knew Doorgabace about four years, during which time prisoner had been living with me. On the night of the 24th June last, about 9 o'clock, I saw prisoner in Vishwanth Bawa's room. There were four other men besides myself and the prisoner. Prisoner left the house with me about a quarter past 9 o'clock, and we both went to the house of one Wamcarne in Dumbywady. We were there about an hour playing chess. We then went to the Gunnesh Pooch, a Hindoo, in the same street. We went past Doorgabace's house. We were at Gunnesh Pooch's house till midnight, when we left. We went into the street together and then parted. Prisoner then went into the direction of Doorga's house, which is about twenty paces from Gunnesh Pooch's. I went to my own house in Vishwanath Bawa's room. I found four persons sleeping. I played on a *sitar* (musical instrument) for about fifteen minutes. Prisoner came shortly afterwards with a bundle, which he handed to me. He told me to keep the ornaments for him. He said, "Gun Mistry's sarree Chewry is coming to Doorga's house, he is a bad marauder; and I might lose my ornaments. Keep them with you and I'll take them away in a day or two." I took the bundle to my own room and opened it. (Describes the ornaments.) Their value may be Rs. 70 or Rs. 80. I kept the bundle near my bed and went into Vishwanath's room, where the prisoner was. I told him I had found four ornaments in the bundle. Prisoner said "Keep them in the *sitar* when I went into my own room to sleep. This was about half-past 12 o'clock. I got up that morning, the 25th June, about 7 o'clock. When I went into Vishwanath's room, I found the prisoner sleeping there. He got up whilst I was there. I next saw him about 9 o'clock. About 8 o'clock I saw prisoner being shaved in the verandah. About 10 o'clock while I was in the room, prisoner came there and called me. I and one Sunaram went with him into the compound. He said, "Doorga's throat is cut, you make bandam of me." That is swearing. He asked me to go with him to Doorga's house. I said no and gave information to the policeman the landlord, Narayen Sadoba Ebrahmin, myself, and Sunaram then went to the landlord's house, which is behind Doorga's separated by a courtyard in which there is a well. It is a small courtyard. The landlord accompanied me to Doorga's house. We found Doorga lying dead in the front room, with her throat cut. I saw blood on both sides of her body and on the mat. She had on a small white *sarree*. I did not notice if she had any ornaments on her. In the back room I saw a gold wristlet lying on the ground near a box. It had stains of blood upon it. I did not see any clothes hanging on pegs in the room. The box had been opened by the prisoner while we were there. It was not locked. Prisoner wanted to take out a gold bead necklace. The padlock of the box was hanging on the ground with a bunch of keys in the keyhole. The landlord told prisoner to go and give information to the police. Prisoner went and returned with a sepoy in about fifteen minutes. There is a police station at a distance of about 100 paces from Doorga's house. I stayed in the street until the prisoner returned, and I then went to my house. About 11 o'clock prisoner and police officers came to my house. Prisoner pointed me out to the police saying, "This is Dinkur to whom I gave my ornaments to keep." I immediately brought the bundle and gave it to the police. Prisoner and the police then went away. About three weeks before this occurrence, I had a conversation with prisoner. He said he wanted to buy cloth for sale in his native country, which is near Surat, and in return to bring corn for sale at Poona. He said he had been a family man—he was married last year—and that he should leave Doorga. I don't know if he had any money of his own. Some two years ago he borrowed three rupees of me, and repaid the amount in small instalments. I have not seen any money with him since April, and he had no employment since that time.

Other witnesses were called, and at half-past four, His Lordship intimated to the jury that the counsel for the prosecution intended calling several other witnesses, and that as the object for the dispatch, together with its own remarks in the summing up, would probably occupy the Court until late at night, he would adjourn the case until the following morning.

The Court adjourned to a late hour until this morning. The jury were [illegible] Dinkur, it might for the sight.

EUROPEAN EXTRACTS.

DEATH OF MR. FOLEY, THE SCULPTOR.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. John Henry Foley, R.A., the eminent sculptor, which took place yesterday in his fifty-sixth year. Mr. Foley was born at Dublin in 1818, and at the age of thirteen commenced his professional studies at the Royal Dublin Society, where his talent soon made itself manifest, and where he carried off some of the chief prizes, standing first in the schools for the study of the human form, animals, architecture, and modelling. Three years later—in 1834—the young artist came to London and entered as a pupil of the Royal Academy, where he only worked for a few years before he became a regular exhibitor. His works in 1839—The Death of Abel and Innocence—attracted much attention; but it was his contribution of 1840, Ino and Bacchus, which may be said to have made his fame, and from this period his success was assured. The work itself was purchased by the Earl of Ellesmere. At the competition invited for the important task of executing the statues for the new Palace of Westminster Mr. Foley readily entered the lists exhibiting in addition to his Ino and Bacchus just named, a figure of a youth at a stream, done for the occasion. The result was that the young sculptor was one of the three artists chosen for this honourable duty and it proved but the first of many public commissions which he received. The statues which he was ordered to execute were Hampden in 1847 and Selden in 1853. Mr. Foley in the meantime became an Associate of the Royal Academy, in 1849, and two years later his well-known work, The Mother, was exhibited. In 1854 the Corporation of London requested him to execute Ilgeria, which now adorns the Mansion House. For the same body he modelled four years afterwards the Charactacus, which is also placed in the Mansion House. Before this work was executed, however, he received a commission from Calcutta for a group, Lord Hardinge and Charger, which he executed in bronze, and on the completion of which in 1856 he received a public request from upwards of a hundred and fifty gentlemen distinguished in the world of literature and art, asking him to provide a copy of the work for the metropolis as an illustration of the perfection of contemporary art. Another noble group—the equestrian statue of Sir James Outram, also for Calcutta—was, as may be remembered, temporarily placed in Waterloo-place, whence it was finally removed at the close of last year. A committee was formed in this case to secure a replica of the work; and Mr. G. E. Tenlswood, of Pottney, undertook to act as honorary secretary. In 1858, the year in which his Caractacus was produced, Mr. Foley was elected Royal Academician, and gave as his diploma work his Genius. From that date requests for the eminent artist's services came in on all sides, from public and private sources, with such rapidity that he was unable to execute them, and for a time serious illness compelled him to abstain from work altogether. In 1872 he again received sufficiently to go down to Hastings, and after a sojourn on the South Coast he was able to return to London and resume work. This, too, was the year to which belongs what is perhaps his noblest contribution to our national monuments, his group representing Asia in the Albert Memorial in Hyde Park. The reception of this work was most enthusiastic on all sides, and a well-known art critic wrote of it that "as a whole the composition is fine, approaching to grandeur, while each portion would in itself take rank as a striking example of sculptured art." Mr. Foley was also entrusted by Her Majesty with the execution of the colossal statue of the Prince Consort, also for the Hyde Park Memorial, of which he only completed the model last year. The list of Mr. Foley's portrait statues is a long one, but among the more important may be mentioned Sir Charles Barry, executed for the new Palace at Westminster; Lord Herbert, for the War Office; Lord Elphinstone for Bombay; Edmund Burke and Oliver Goldsmith, for Dublin; Father Mathew, for Cork; Sir Henry Marsh and Sir Dominic Corrigan, for Dublin. The native city has thus secured some worthy memorials. Mr. Foley was a member of the Royal Hibernian Academy, and in 1862 he was elected a member of the Belgian Academy.—*Pall Mall Gazette*, August 28.

FRENCH TOPICS.

THE tour of Marshal MacMahon, to the principal towns in France, since leaving Paris he has visited Le Mans, St. Malo, St. Servan, Rennes, St. Brieuc, Guingamp, Morlaix, Brest, Quimper, L'Orient, and Vannes. He has been *feted* by the inhabitants of the various places he has been received with due formalities by the local authorities; he has had conversations with them on subjects affecting their districts he has visited various institutions, and he has reviewed the troops. Altogether the marshal has worked with wonderful industry to get through the programme of his duties. At St. Malo he made a few observations which have attracted much attention. The President of the Tribunal of Commerce of St. Malo had presented an address in which he said he could only attribute the decline of trade to the want of political institutions and the absence of a definitive Government. He expressed a hope that such a Government would be constituted under the presidency of Marshal MacMahon. The marshal in reply said that it was a mistake to suppose there was no definitive Government. The Assembly had entrusted him with power for seven years, and during that time he would use all legal means to give the country order and security. He cited the cases of England and Germany, where definitive Governments existed but commerce suffers just as in France. At Morlaix Republican manifestations were made. A crowd, which had assembled on the arrival of the marshal, repeatedly shouted, "*Vive la République!*" A young priest advanced and exclaimed, "Marshal, I call upon you, in the name of the clergy of Brittany, to defend Rome and Pius IX. as you defend France!" but the priest's voice was drowned by shouts of "*Vive la République!*" Great disturbance and tumult ensued. At St. Brieuc the mayor read a speech, in which he said:—"For us, you represent order and peace. You said at the Malakoff, 'I am here and will remain here.' You are there; remain there." The marshal replied that he would endeavour to ensure the maintenance of order.

Marshal MacMahon left Lorient on August 24, and afterwards arrived at Vannes, where he was well received by the authorities, and the mayor read a speech in which he bade him welcome to the town. A large crowd assembled and cheered the marshal. The town was decorated with flags and salvoes of artillery were fired. The marshal at once proceeded to the cathedral where he was received by the bishop who read a speech declaring that France before long would resume her rank at the head of Christian nations.

Marshal MacMahon after words reviewed the garrison, visited the barracks and hospital, and received the official corporations. The president of the Council-General gave expression to the sentiments of confidence entertained towards the marshal by the people. The president of the Tribunal of Commerce made a speech in which he said commercial men required what Marshal MacMahon asked of the Assembly in his message of July 9. An official dinner was subsequently given, and the town was illuminated.

The marshal subsequently visited the slate quarries at Trelaze, near Angers, where he was cordially received by the quarrymen and peasants.

The manner of the escape of Bazaine continues as much a mystery as ever. A rigid inquiry has been ordered by the French Government, but its discoveries have not yet been disclosed. The ex-marshal confirms the [illegible] version. The following is the letter alluded to last week as having been written by him to the French minister of the Interior, explaining Colonel Villette and others from any complicity in the escape. He writes:—"Alone, in concert with my wife and her nephew, did what had to be done to effect my perilous descent, and I got off with serious bruises and the tearing of my clothes and skin. The governor and his subordinates never relaxed their rigorous surveillance; they constantly performed their functions with a severe regularity, and none of them ought to be held responsible. M. Marchi, whom I can only praise, in spite of his delicate task, remained with me till nearly ten p.m. On quitting him and after taking leave of Colonel Villette, whose departure had for some days been fixed for an early hour on Monday, the 14th, I managed, instead of entering my room, to evade the observation of the warder, who came to shut my door, and was convinced that I had re-entered. I was painfully affected by seeing applied to me the regulation of May 26, 1872 respecting the *mauvais sujets*. I saw myself deprived of exercise except walking up and down a narrow space, for eight months exposed the whole day to the burning sun of the south. I excepted to be left under the charge of the military commandant of the fort. If I had not been subjected to a humiliating treatment from which a character ought to have exempted me, and which was worse for me than death, I should have called me at Versailles and at the Trianon, and should have made no attempt to recover by liberty out of regard for the military uniform which I wore very honourable for nearly half a century. In short, sir, I felt myself entitled to act as I did because the maxim of public law that no sentence is legitimate unless it is passed by the peers of the accused;—a maxim respected even amid the anarchy and violence of the saddle ages—has not been respected with regard to me."

The *Observer* suggests that possibly Bazaine's escape was effected by spiritual agency:—"Madame Bazaine is, it is asserted, a powerful medium, and in constant communication with spirits. Nothing then is more likely, than that some friendly and athletic spirit lifted the prisoner bodily from the fort St. Marguerite, and deposited him without further trouble in the cabin of the steamer waiting to receive him. To some persons this may appear surprising, but it must be remembered that a short time ago a lady of considerable dimensions is alleged to have been conveyed from her own house in London and dropped on to the supper-table of some friends at a distance by the spirits. Moreover, as it is well known, there is nothing the spirits take greater delight in or perform more neatly than the release of prisoners bound by ropes. Confinement of any description is entirely opposed to all their tastes and sympathies, and they will untie the most difficult knots for the purpose of restoring liberty to their *confrères*. Again, they take a positive delight in lifting heavy weights, and Marshal Bazaine, it is understood, is a portly gentleman, possessing a fair share of bulk, and consequently proportionate weight. Spirits are reconciled to smuggle all goods correctly, from jewels to pictures, and to mention all kinds of articles which are prohibited. The GENUINE manufactures, the products of which are all branded with crowns and [illegible] may be had [illegible] AND ROYAL FAMILIES in India.

INDIA CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "SPECTATOR."

SIR,—The following letter, which I have received from the late Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject of my paper in *Macmillan's Magazine*, will be a valuable contribution to a question which it is desirable to discuss frankly and freely. Like the article in the *Saturday Review* of the 15th inst., it is a temperate condemnation of my proposals:—

"SIR,—I have read your pamphlet with much interest. I had something to do with setting up the Indian Examinations, and I have been an Examiner myself, of which title I am by no means ashamed. What I wish to point out to you is that I fear your very ingenious scheme would deter the best men from competition. You deprive the man who gets most marks of the credit which this gives him, and you subject him to the further possibility of being absolutely rejected for faults the nature of which will not be known. Such a rejection would amount to a positive disgrace. I cannot help thinking that this would deter the best men. I also object to so large a power being vested in persons who, if accused of partiality, have no objective test to appeal to. My political experience leads me to believe that these judges would be sure to be accused, and perhaps would deserve to be accused, of jobbing. The influences which high London society can bring to bear are enormous. I do not doubt the justice of the complaints which are made. When you try men by a purely literary standard for duties which require qualities very different from purely literary merits, it cannot be otherwise. The question is whether a perfectly fair and objective test is not better than a test which must turn upon considerations personal, incapable of being reduced to marks, subjective, minute, disputable. I cannot help thinking that there is some danger of falling into an error which attaches itself to ships and energetic men, the error of insisting upon having more out of an institution than it can yield, the idea of retaining all its merits while correcting all its faults. If this be carried too far, it makes more evil than it cures. Here, I fear, the chance of some unfit persons would be dearly bought by the deterrent incidents of the plan, and the suspicion, perhaps the reality, of corruption. For myself, I never regarded competition as more than a rough substitute for patronage very inferior to the honest judgment of an able man after a fair trial in the very work required, but much better than patronage in any shape or with any safeguards. You are quite at liberty to make any use you please of this letter. My sole desire is to get the best possible service for India.—I remain, Sir, faithfully yours,

"ROBERT LOWE."

The main objections already taken to the general scheme appear to be: (*a*) Probable corruption among the adjudicators; (*b*) the infliction of disgrace or injury on the probationers who are not selected for the India Civil Service; (*c*) the forcing bad bargains on other departments of the service.

(*a*.) The very idea of patronage in its mildest form is nauseous to some people, that the proposal to give a Board of Adjudicators exclusive control over the selection of probationers will doubtless savour of corruption. But granting, for the sake of argument, a difficulty in finding among the best educated classes a jury of trustworthy men I think the opportunities of exercising patronage would be extremely rare, if not quite impossible, provided a sufficiently large number be appointed; for whatever chances there would be of intriguing personal interest to bear on one, or perhaps two adjudicators, it is difficult to conceive a body of some half-dozen or more comparatively disinterested men cabalising for the mere purpose of playing into the hands of a few probationers.

(*b*.) I do not admit the probability of injury or disgrace reaching any candidate under the operation of my scheme. Disappointment there undoubtedly will be among the 30 and odd candidates who are not retained in the College. Under the present arrangement, however, 30 to 35 of these 70 probationers would be absolutely disappointed; under the arrangement proposed, they would be offered compulsory bonuses varying in value from £300 to £450 per annum. It must be remembered that although the examiners at the open competition to be selected as probationers would be named in alphabetical order, after the manner of the Oxford Class Lists, the adjudicators would be in possession of all the particulars connected with this competitive examination; and as it would necessarily be ruled that every advantage be given to the probationers, *according to the place gained by them in the competition*, I take it that only a few of those who would be selected under the existing system would be offered appointments outside the Civil Service proper. Indeed my scheme does not aim at much more than the rejection of the *few* men who may be considered by competent judges unfit, for various reasons, for the peculiar duties of government; and the retention of the selected candidates in a College, either in London or at one of our Universities. As the proposal to introduce a social, in addition to the intellectual test, is likely to breed doubts and fears, I take this opportunity of expressing my conviction that if the adjudicators be men of the world they would be able to exercise their delicate office in a manner which would meet the approval of all persons sincerely interested in India. For it is obvious that by "social fitness" is here meant something beyond the attributes which usually accompany gentle birth. It is no more follows that a man of good birth ought to have marks for his relations, than that a mere book-plodder is specially adapted to be a leader of men. Similarly it may be alleged that some clever men of humble birth possess higher claims to be selected as the future rulers of India, than a few better-bred candidates who happen to have passed a competitive examination. The question is simply one of expediency, to be determined by the collective opinions of arbitrators, whose attainments would justify their being chosen to discharge such an office. Indeed, the guarding ourselves itself to this,—whether it is politically expedient and prudential to consider the possible grievance of one or two competitors, in preference to securing the best material for the India Civil Service? Certainly under the present system of a simple intellectual test there are always to be found candidates who, whether rightly or wrongly, consider they have been unfairly treated.

(*c*.) With regard to the proposal for distributing the remaining rewards, it would seem to some that I am wishing to enrich the material of the India Civil Service at the expense of other Departments. This is not the case. In the first place, I contend that among the 70 probationers, there would be no failures *intellectually*, and it would by no means follow that because some of them, for want of a sufficient number of vacancies, had not been selected for the Indian Service, they would necessarily be below the average of attainments and special qualification usually guaranteed to the heads of these other State Services. Far from being bad bargains, I venture to say the balance of gain would be on the side of these Services. In the second place, there remains the grave question as to what the candidates themselves would think of those proferred bonuses. As a matter of fact, I would ask what steps have been actually taken by some of the foremost of the rejected candidates at the open competition for the Indian Civil Service? I can point to two or three dozen cases in which such rejected candidates have elected to secure by further competition, situations in these very departments; and as most of them have gained the highest places in their respective competitions by virtue of the previous reading for the earlier examination, I conclude the heads of departments neither think unjustly of them, nor view them in the light of intruders. And provided only specially fit men be sent to them, why should they alter their opinion under any proposed system? If a return were made of candidates formerly rejected at the India Civil Service competition, and now occupying junior and senior posts in the Indian Engineering Department, the Indian Forest Department, the Ceylon Civil Service, &c., the public would have less reason to doubt the justice and feasibility of this part of the scheme.—I am, Sir, &c.

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